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SUBJ: DE CUELLER DISCOURAGED ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR CYPRUS TALKS

REF: (A) USUN 3346, (NOTAL), (B) NICOSIA 2429 (NOTAL)

1. CHARGE MET WITH UN SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE DE CUELLAR
AUGUST 20 ON CURRENT STATUS OF CYPRUS TALKS. DE CUELLAR
WAS VERY DISCOURAGED, REFLECTING SENTIMENTS
CONVEYED TO AMBASSADOR BENNET BY URQUHART (REF A). ONLY
COMMENT ON REF A IS THAT DE CUELLAR TOLD US THAT DENKTASH
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HAS NOT YET GIVEN A FLAT NO ON HUMANITARIAN TALKS.

TURKISH NEGOTIATOR ONAN IS RETURNING TO CYPRUS
AUGUST 26. DE CUELLAR IS TRYING TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENT
WITH HIM AUGUST 27.

2. MAIN REASON FOR DE CUELLAR'S PESSIMISM IS EXCHANGE
OF STATEMENTS BETWEEN MAKARIOS AND DENKTASH BEGINNING
WITH MAKARIOS' ADDRESS AT COLOMBO NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT.
REF B CONTAINS REPORT ON SUBSTANCE OF STATEMENTS. UN SENIOR
POLITICAL ADVISOR GORGE HAS ANALYZED MAKARIOS' SPEECH AND
NOTED THAT IT CONTAINED EVERY PHRASE HE COULD REMEMBER
IN FIVE YEARS ON CYPRUS WHICH TOUCHED TURKISH SENSITIVITIES.
RESULT IS THAT TURKISH CYPRIOTS NOW SEEM TO BE STRONGLY SET
AGAINST ANY TALKS. DENKTASH IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT
THROUGH HIS SPEECH AT COLOMBO, "MAKARIOS AND HIS REPRESENTATIVES
IMPUDENTLY CLOSED ALL DOORS FOR NEGOTIATIONS." TURKISH CYPRIOT NEWS BULLETIN OF AUGUST 20 PUTS
IT EVEN STRONGER THAT "THE SPEECH DELIVERED BY ARCHBISHOP
MAKARIOS AT COLOMBO HAD CLOSED ALL DOORS TO NEGOTIATIONS
WITH HIM OR HIS REPRESENTATIVES." LAST PHRASE SEEMS TO
INDICATE THAT THIS MEANS THAT NEITHER ONAN NOR ANY LOWER-
LEVEL TURK CYPRIOT OFFICIAL COULD MEET WITH GREEK CYPRIOTS.

3. DE CUELLAR SAID THAT DESPITE THE FACT THAT HE IS
PESSIMISTIC, HE WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS BOTH SIDES HARD FOR
RESUMPTION OF HUMANITARIAN TALKS. HE HOPES THAT UNSYG
WALDHEIM WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEM WITH
FOREIGN MINISTER KITSIOS AND CAGLAYANGIL AFTER SYG'S
RETURN TO NEW YORK AUGUST 23 OR 24 (ASSUMING UNSC
ACTIVITIES ON AEGEAN STILL CONTINUING BY THAT DATE).
IN ANY CASE, HE SAID IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF THE US AND EC
HELPED HIM IN HIS EFFORT. WE TOLD HIM THAT WE HAVE
INSTRUCTIONS TO CONTINUE TO PRESS BOTH SIDES TO TALK
AND PROMISED TO USE OUR BEST EFFORTS ON THE LOCAL
PARTIES TO GET THEM TO MEET WITH HIM.

4. WE BELIEVE DE CUELLAR AND GORGE MAY BE GIVING TOO
MUCH WEIGHT TO RECENT EXCHANGE OF PUBLIC STATEMENTS,
BUT IT IS CLEAR THAT DENKTASH IS ANGRY AND FRUSTRATED.
HE CONTINUES TO MAKE STRONGER STATEMENTS ABOUT UNILATERAL
DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE (SEE REF B) AND THREATENS
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OTHER ACTIONS THAT WILL FURTHER SOLIDIFY THE DIVISION
OF THE ISLAND. WE REAR THAT WITHOUT SOME VERY STRONG
PRESSURE FROM OUTSIDE POWERS CURRENT BITTER DEBATE MEANS THAT
THERE WILL BE NO TALKS IN NICOSIA OR ANYWHERE ELSE BEFORE
UNGA DEBATE ON CYPRUS NOW EXPECTED IN NOVEMBER.
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